

Revitalisation of the Commission on the Status of Women [ZERO DRAFT 28 May 2025]

The Economic and Social Council,

Pp1 Recalling its resolutions 11(II) of 21 June 1946, 48(IV) of 29 March 1947, 1987/22 of 26 May 1987, [1987/24 of 26 May 1987,] 1996/6 of 22 July 1996, 2006/9 of 25 July 2006, 2015/6 of 8 June 2015, 2022/4 of 8 June 2022 and General Assembly Resolution 50/203 of 22 December 1995,

Pp2 Recalling also its resolutions 76(V) of 5 August 1947, 304 I (XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950, 1983/27 of 26 May 1983, 1992/19 of 30 July 1992, 1993/11 of 27 July 1993, its decision 2002/235 of 24 July 2002 and resolution 2009/16 of 28 July 2009 concerning the communications procedure of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Pp3 Reaffirming the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the declarations of the Commission on the Status of Women on the tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth and thirtieth anniversaries of the Fourth World Conference on Women and committing to their full, effective and accelerated implementation,¹

Pp4 Reaffirming also the primary responsibility of the Commission on the Status of Women for the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women² and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly³, and that the organization of work of the Commission should contribute to advancing their implementation,⁴

Pp5 Reaffirming the importance attached to the regional monitoring of the global and regional platforms for action by Regional Commissions and other subregional or regional structures, within their mandates, in consultation with Governments and the necessity of promoting cooperation among national governments of the same region in this respect⁵,

Pp6 Recognizing the importance of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organisations, as well as other civil society actors, in advancing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and, in this respect, the work of the Commission⁶,

Pp7 Recognizing also calls in its resolutions for the Commission to strengthen its work, including to further strengthen the review theme process, and to keep its working methods under review⁷,

¹ OP1 of the CSW69 Political Declaration

² Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

³ Pp2 ECOSOC Resolution 2022/4 of 8 June 2022; and CSW69 Political Declaration

⁴ Based on pp3 ECOSOC resolution 2022/4 of 8 June 2022

⁵ Based on op 9 UNGA resolution 50/203

⁶ Based on pp8, ECOSOC resolution 2022/4 of 8 June 2022

⁷ Based on op 19 ECOSOC resolution 2022/4; and op8 ECOSOC resolution 2001/2

Pp8 Emphasising the importance of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Programme for Action at the national, regional and global levels and the need to ensure the Commission's effectiveness, relevance and impact to assist in that regard,

Pp9 Recalling in that regard the commitment contained in UN General Assembly resolution 79/1 of 22 September 2024 entitled "The Pact for the Future", for an inclusive intergovernmental process with the participation of all Member States, to explore options to revitalize the Commission on the Status of Women to promote the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and to promote and protect their human rights and to ensure that the Commission is fit for purpose, while reaffirming the mandate of the Commission⁸,

1. *Recommends that the General Discussion held during the Ministerial Segment of the Commission take place in the General Assembly Hall, subject to availability and the relevant approvals, in recognition of the high-level engagement and visibility of the Commission's deliberations;*
2. *Decides to include the Townhall Meeting of the United Nations Secretary-General and Civil Society in the Commission's Programme of Work, in view of the traditional importance of non-governmental organisations in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and in accordance with its resolutions deciding that such organisations should be encouraged to participate, to the maximum extent possible, in the work of the Commission⁹;*
3. *Invites the Bureau of the Commission to circulate, in advance of the five-yearly sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women that are focussed on the review of commitments under the Beijing Declaration and Program for Action, a call for expressions of interest by States in hosting such session;*
4. *Recommends, in the context of its multi-year programme of work for a focussed and thematic approach¹⁰, that the Commission adopt outcome documents, including agreed conclusions on priority themes and political declarations, which are short and succinct, focused on recommendations for action-oriented, time bound and measurable steps and measures;¹¹*
5. *Requests the Bureau of the Commission, prior to the session, to continue to identify emerging issues, trends, focus areas or new approaches affecting the situation of women and girls, that*

⁸ GA res 79/1 The Pact for the Future

⁹ Based on ECOSOC Resolution 1996/6 and 2022/4 of 8 June 2022

¹⁰ IV, 1 of Resolution 1996/6

¹¹ Based on op11 ECOSOC 2022/4

require urgent consideration, in consultation with all Member States, through their regional groups, and taking into account inputs from other relevant stakeholders including the Working Group on the Communications Procedure and civil society, for consideration by the Commission”¹²;

6. *Recommends*, in the context of the Commission’s role to identify and make substantive recommendations on such emerging issues, that it organise and allocate an appropriate amount of time for a Ministerial roundtable on such emerging issues, trends, focus areas or new approaches¹³;
7. *Requests* the Working Group on Communications, in order to make the communications procedure more effective and efficient, to
 - a. Disseminate clear information on the procedure to ensure that persons or organisations making submissions understand its nature and scope
 - b. consider ways of making the existing procedure for receiving and considering communications, including the standard of admissibility, more transparent and efficient;
 - c. keep each communication received on its agenda until a response is received from the Member State referred to in the communication;
 - d. include in its report to the Commission metrics identifying the number of communications received on each of the thematic topics specified in its report, to assist with the identification of emerging issues and trends, while maintaining their confidential nature;
 - e. include in its report to the Commission such other metrics as are possible regarding communications received, while maintaining their confidential nature¹⁴;
8. *Encourages* members of the Commission to respond to the call for nominations from regional groups and serve as a member of the Working Group on Communications, in order to enable it to fulfil its functions;
9. Decides that, in order to further strengthen the review theme process, at each session, the Commission will evaluate progress in the implementation of *[the agreed conclusions on a priority theme of a previous session / the Beijing Declaration and Programme for Action]*, through an interactive dialogue that includes:
 - (a) Member states of different regions, presenting their lessons learned, challenges and best practices that identify means for accelerated implementation through national and regional experiences; and

¹² Based on op 13 ECOSOC resolution 2022/4

¹³ Based on CSW mandate resolutions

¹⁴ Based on Communications Procedure resolutions in particular ECOSOC resolution 1992/19 and ECOSOC resolution 1993/11

(b) Ways to support and achieve accelerated implementation, including through addressing data gaps and challenges in the enhanced collection, reporting, use and analysis of data with regard to the theme, at the national, regional and global levels¹⁵;

10. *Decides further* that States should participate in such a review at least once during each term of membership of the Commission; and that Member States not being members of the Commission may participate on a voluntary basis;

11. *Recommends* that the Commission develop the modalities for this process at its 70th Session;

12. *Reaffirms* the catalytic role of the Commission in promoting and monitoring gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system by:

- [Expanding its cooperation and strengthening coordination] between the Commission and other relevant intergovernmental processes and functional commissions on a strategic basis, while avoiding fragmentation; and
- enhancing coherence and complementarity with United Nations Human Rights mechanisms, including CEDAW and the Human Rights Council;

13. *Encourages* the Bureau, in that regard, to consider further steps to strengthen this catalytic role through, as appropriate, exchange of information and transmission of the outcomes of the Commission's work, joint informal interactive events, the participation of its Chair, in consultation with the Bureau, in relevant processes, or inclusion of relevant opportunities for interactive dialogue in the Programme of Work on cross-cutting issues, including *inter alia* violence against women¹⁶;

14. *Maintain and enhance* public awareness and support for the implementation of the Platform for Action¹⁷ by establishing an online platform with information on national and regional legislation, policies and action plans related to the 12 Critical Areas of Concern of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action;

15. *Continues to encourage* Governments and all other stakeholders to undertake comprehensive preparations for each session of the commission at the national, regional and global levels, as applicable, so as to strengthen the basis for follow-up to outcomes and implementation¹⁸;

¹⁵ Based on op16 of 2022/4

¹⁶ Based on CSW modalities resolutions including op20 ECOSOC resolution 2022/4

¹⁷ Based on ECOSOC 1996/6

¹⁸ Based on op 32 ECOSOC resolution 2022/4

16. *Invites* the UN Regional Commissions to continue to contribute to the work of the Commission¹⁹ and in that regard, in close coordination with UN Women, to convene regional preparatory meetings to assess progress and identify regional trends, priorities and good practices; and further encourages the Commission Bureau member from each region to participate in such regional preparatory meetings;
17. *Invites* all Member States to meaningfully involve civil society organisations and other relevant stakeholders including parliamentarians and National Human Rights Institutions in follow-up and implementation processes for the outcomes of the Commission on the priority theme, including by considering holding consultations with them at the national level on such outcomes²⁰;
18. *Encourages* participation in the Commission of non-governmental organizations, especially women's organizations, including those not in consultative status with ECOSOC, and in that regard *requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council, in advance of each Commission session, to draw up a list of representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the Commission, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis²¹, and to bring the list to the attention of the Economic and Social Council for a final decision by the Council on participation in the session;²²
19. *Calls on* UN Women, within its Coordination mandate, to continue to facilitate UN system-wide support to Member States in national preparations, dissemination and use of Commission's reports, as appropriate.

¹⁹ ECOSOC resolution 2022/4 op23

²⁰ See op17 ECOSOC resolution 2022/4

²¹ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of Economic and Social Council and the requester.

²² Based on UNGA resolutions including WSS 2024, FFD 2024, Summit of the Future 2022, Modalities resolutions including Beijing+30